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SUBJECT: US POSTAL SERVICE PARTICIPATION IN

STOCKHOLMIA 74 PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF INTENTION OF US POSTAL SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, STOCKHOLMIA 74, TO BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM FROM SEPTEMBER 21-29, 1974, IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION EXTENDED BY GEORGE B. LINDBERG, PRESIDENT OF THE SWEDISH PHILATELIC SOCIETY AND THE SWEDISH DIRECTORATE OF POSTS. LINDBERG'S ADDRESS IS: STOCKHOLMIA 74, BOX 360, S-101 24, STOCKHOLM 1, TELEPHONE 08-21 1288. US POSTAL SERVICE HAS ALREADY SECURED EXHIBIT AND BOOTH SPACE AT THE EXHIBITION SITE LOCATED AT ALVSJO (THE ST. ERIK FAIR) OUTSIDE STOCKHOLM. DONALD B. MOLER, MANAGER, STAMP SERVICE DIVISION, OFFICE OF STAMPS, US POSTAL SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20260, WILL MANAGE USPS EFFORT AT EXHIBITION. MOLER HAS RESERVATIONS AT CONTINENTAL HOTEL AND NOW PLANS ARRIVAL STOCKHOLM SEPTEMBER 17.

2. US POSTAL SERVICE HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION FOR ITS PARTICIPATION. IT PLANS TO SHIP 50 CARTON BOXES TO EMBASSY VIA DIPLOMATIC
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POUCH CONTAINING PHILATELIC ITEMS INCLUDING

STAMP STOCK, SOUVENIR CARDS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 1,250 LBS. BOXES WILL BE
ADDRESSED IN PART "ATTENTION: DONALD B. MOLER,
USPS, STOCKHOLMIA 1974." THESE CARTONS WILL
REQUIRE A SAFE-STORAGE AREA AFTER ARRIVAL.

3. DEPARTMENT INFORMED USPS HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN
TO SHIP 3 LARGE CRATES TO EMBASSY CONTAINING AN
APOLLO XV MOON LETTER EXHIBIT FROM BASEL, SWITZER-
LAND. THREE CRATES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO JOANNE
LEWISSOHN, EMBASSY PAO, AND HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS: 1 CRATE 24" X 36" X 69" 307 LBS.; 1 CRATE
24" X 43" X 88" 468 LBS.; 1 CRATE 24" X 41" X 63"
333 LBS. USPS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE
IN FORWARDING CARTON BOXES AND CRATES TO EXHIBITION
SITE, PREFERABLY THROUGH FORWARD AGENT SPECIFIED BY
STOCKHOLMIA 74 ORGANIZATION: AB OLSSON AND WRIGHT,
SKEPPSBRON 44, STOCKHOLM POSTAL ADDRESS: FACK,
S-103 10 STOCKHOLM 2 SWEDEN.

4. USPS HAS REQUESTED US EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN
HIRING 4 LOCAL SWEDISH WORKERS, FLUENT IN ENGLISH
WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH EXHIBIT PERIOD TO
ASSIST IN OPERATION OF USPS BOOTH. USPS WILL RELY
ON EMBASSY JUDGMENT IN HIRING PERSONNEL AND SETTING
REASONABLE SALARIES AND IS PREPARED TO COVER SALARY
COSTS DIRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY. REIMBURSEMENT TO
EMBASSY FOR ALL OTHER INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WILL BE
MADE BY TREASURY CHECK DRAWN FROM POSTAL SERVICE FUND.
TOTAL EXPENSES TO BE REIMBURSED SHOULD NOT EXCEED
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND PAYMENT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY
TO EMBASSY AFTER RECEIPT OF LETTER INVOICE WITH
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES TO GORDON C. MORISON, DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF STAMPS, US POSTAL SERVICE, WASHINGTON,
D.C. 20260. IN PREPARING INVOICE, EMBASSY SHOULD
CITE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION NO. 6L-105903, ACCOUNT
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5. USPS OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THEIR
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FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY IN GOOD
TIME OF PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXHIBITION
AND REGRET FURTHER ANY INCONVENIENCE WHICH MAY BE
CAUSED EMBASSY BY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE. USPS WILL
DELAY SHIPMENT OF 50 CARTON BOXES CITED PARA 2 PENDING
RECEIPT EMBASSY CONCURRENCE WITH ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER

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